STATEMENT REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

The Idaho State Board of Medicine (hereinafter Board) requires disclosure of social security numbers on all applications for initial licensure and renewal. Disclosure of social security numbers is mandatory for purposes of enforcing child support orders under Idaho Code § 7-1416 and compliance with the requirements of the federal National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, as required by 45 CFR §§ 61.1 et seq. If this Board is required to make a report about an applicant or licensee to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare or either of these data banks, the report must contain that individual's social security number. Failure to provide a social security number for these mandatory purposes will result in denial of an application for initial licensure or renewal.

An applicant for initial licensure or renewal may also <u>voluntarily</u> disclose his or her social security number for release to other state regulatory agencies, testing and examination vendors, law enforcement agencies, and other private federations and associations involved in professional regulation, such as the Federation of State Medical Boards' Physician Data Center. The Center compiles information about individual applicants and licensees and transmits that information to other licensing boards in order to coordinate licensure and disciplinary activities between the individual States. Such disclosure is for identification purposes only. Social security numbers will not be released for any other purpose not provided for or allowed by law.

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